

Homeland Security Update

"Ensure a safe and secure Washington for the 21st Century"

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Public Health – Always Working For a Safer Healthier Washington

A message from Secretary of Health Mary Selecky



The Washington State Department of Health's mission is to protect and improve the health of people in our state. This mission has taken on new dimensions in an age that has brought us bioterrorism and emerging diseases such as SARS and West Nile virus. We must have a strong public health system that can rapidly and effectively respond to these and other threats. Close coordination with our Team Washington partners is a top priority as we move ahead with this important work.

In the summer of 2002 public health received federal funds to help us prepare for and respond to emergencies. We organized our state's 35 local health jurisdictions and 39 counties into nine Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Regions, which later became the template for the Washington State Homeland Security Regions. I saw the results of that work recently during a joint conference in Region One (Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties). Representatives from public

health, tribes, law enforcement, fire, emergency management and others came together for two days of training and exercises. It was incredible to see people from such different backgrounds and disciplines working so well together. The system works!

Public health has made great strides toward preparing for any emergency thanks to the funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Our efforts include:

- Local and regional public health emergency plans that support the state Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- Testing and exercising all plans.
- Establishing the capability to receive and quickly administer emergency medicines and vaccine from the federal government (the *Strategic National Stockpile*).
- Improving our statewide disease reporting and investigation network.
- Preparing our laboratories to analyze new biological and chemical threats and to handle a potential surge in demand.

Security Deadline Approaches – Washington State Ferries



It might be “Buck”, or “Butch”, or “Leon.” Or it could be another well-trained dog, accompanied by a Washington State Patrol Officer, walking the holding lanes at a terminal near you. Regardless, these teams form a vital new component of Washington State Ferries’ enhanced security posture.

In advance of full implementation of Washington State Ferries new security policies and procedures, which go into effect July 1, 2004, Washington State Ferries and the Washington State Patrol have commenced the random use of explosives-sniffing canines at terminals throughout the system.

“Customers have been very positive,” says Ned Kiley, Company Security Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator for Washington State Ferries. “The customers have been cooperative and enthusiastic. They have told us they like the dogs there. That they feel safer.”

Since September 11, 2001, implementation of tighter security within the transportation industry has become the norm throughout the world. Washington State Ferries is no exception. WSF has worked diligently, and in cooperation with the Washington State Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard, to implement appropriate security improvements.

In November 2002, the President of the United States signed into law the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA), in an effort to improve the United States’ maritime security posture. Similarly, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), of which the United States is a signatory nation, adopted the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. These two closely aligned standards mandate sweeping security requirements U.S., domestic and international maritime industries.

No later than July 1, 2004, marine facilities and vessels in the United States, and the other 162 member countries of the IMO, are required to implement their security plans to fulfill requirements of the MTSA regulations and ISPS Code. Washington State Ferries will be among those implementing new measures, as part of their approved security plans. You may ... or may not ... notice changes.

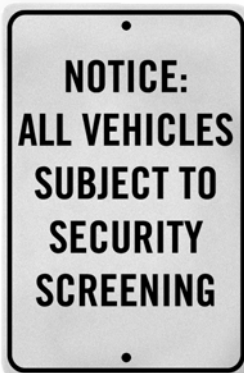
“The goal of the WSF Security Plan is to meaningfully enhance security, gain necessary regulatory compliance and do so while minimizing disruptions to our customers,” says Mike Thorne, Washington State Ferries CEO. “Most of our security plan will have little impact on the travel habits of our customers, with no direct change to the sailing schedule or overall on-time performance.”

Consistent with a comprehensive security plan, some of the new security measures may be obvious to our observant customers, while others will be less so. “It is important for our customers to understand many of the new security measures and their associated new signs,” says Kiley. “We want to avoid misunderstandings that could cause service disruptions for our ferry users.”

One of the most significant outward changes is the presence of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Explosive Detection Canine Teams at WSF ferry terminals and onboard ferries. These teams are made up of a trained State Patrol "handler" and their partner - a dog specifically trained to detect and find various kinds of explosive materials and devices. (A dog's sense of smell is believed to be 20,000 times more sensitive than a human's, which allows a trained dog to detect even small amounts of explosive materials.) This form of unobtrusive screening may satisfy the new security mandates.



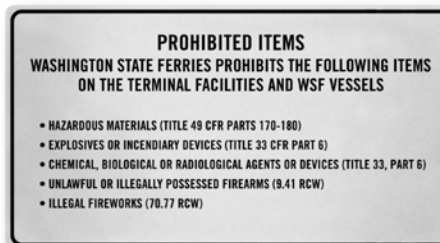
The following sign (A) will be positioned prior to WSF tollbooths, or on access lanes leading to terminal vehicle holding lanes.



These signs give vehicle drivers and passengers' notification that WSP teams may be walking among vehicles in the holding lanes for the purpose of ensuring illegal explosive materials are not taken aboard a Washington State Ferry. WSF continues to recommend that vehicles be ticketed and in line 20 minutes in advance of sailing, as vehicles arriving just prior to a sailing could miss the sailing due to the screening process.

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In an effort to educate our customers regarding prohibited cargo, WSF intends to post the following signs. (B)

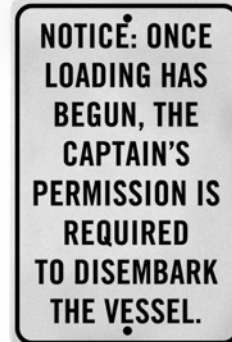


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These signs are similar to signs already posted at the terminals. With the presence of the WSP canine teams, it is possible that the dogs may detect legally carried firearms, ammunition and/or fireworks. Customers legally carrying these items are permitted onboard WSF ferries, but should expect to exhibit and explain these items to the WSP canine handlers.

To satisfy the requirement to segregate embarking and disembarking passengers, our new security policies will not allow unchallenged disembarking of passengers once loading has commenced. Signage will be posted on the vessels and terminals near the areas where people would normally disembark. (C)

WSF understands that there may be legitimate circumstances where a person may need to disembark shortly after boarding. The customer will need to explain the circumstances to the WSF employee at the boarding plank or on the car deck. The employee will then alert the Captain, who will resolve the situation. If a person would like to assist a customer in boarding, but does not plan to travel themselves, they will need to alert a ticket seller or terminal employee as early in the boarding process as possible.



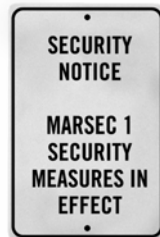
(C)



There will be strict access control to all employee-only areas on board the ferry and at the terminals. Accordingly, customers are asked to avoid entering or attempting to enter the spaces posted with the restricted area signs.

Areas accessible to the public will be monitored by a variety of means, including the use of video surveillance. Plans are now underway for the installation of security video surveillance cameras to be installed at WSF terminals and onboard WSF vessels. As the cameras are installed, the signs notifying customers of their presence will be installed.

In an effort to inform our customers regarding the maritime threat level established by the U.S. Coast Guard, WSF intends to post signs (D) that report the current maritime security (MARSEC) level, not unlike you see on CNN.

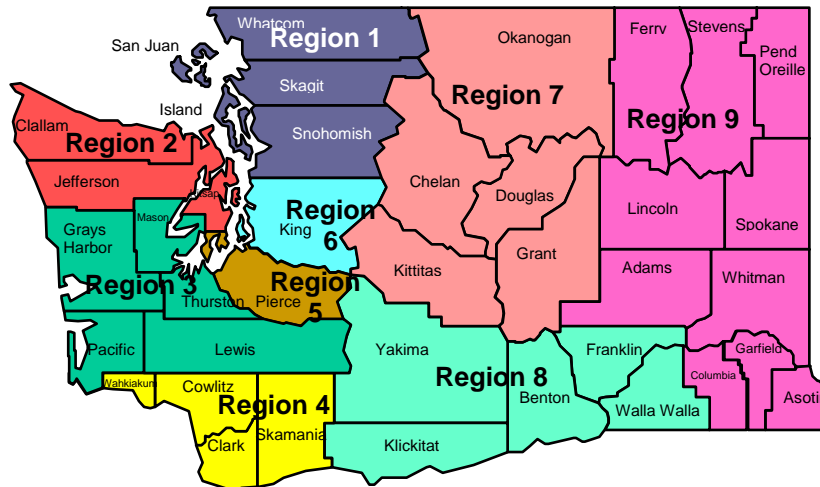


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These levels are similar to the Homeland Security Alert System, but are unique to the maritime community. MARSEC Level 1 roughly corresponds with the green, blue and yellow alerts, while MARSEC Level 2 is typically aligned with orange and MARSEC Level 3 with red.

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Washington Statewide Regional Homeland Security Coordination Districts (RHSCD)



¹Note: These coincide with Local Health Regions for Public Health Emergency Planning and Coordination.

Region 1

REGION ONE HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE SEMINAR



Chief Brunacini

Chief Brunacini has been at the forefront of the development of incident command and has authored several books on ICS and related topics. His approach to the management of incidents is founded in serving the best interest of the citizens or what he calls "customer service". Chief Brunacini advocates utilizing ICS and inter-agency cooperation in daily operations so that effective incident management and transition of command can be effected during response to a disaster like a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) incident. Seminar participants were urged to become familiar with their colleagues from other agencies so that this cooperation is more natural when disaster strikes.

Terrorism and homeland security have made ICS a priority for those who have traditionally underestimated its importance. The events of September 11, 2001 demonstrated the necessity of ICS in response to major disasters. Homeland Security Presidential Directive Five created and advocated use of a National Incident Management System (NIMS). The challenge now is for responders to understand and apply ICS to their situations. Chief Brunacini shared details about his Blue Card system which is used by Phoenix Fire for applying ICS principles to local response.

The Region One Seminar was attended by emergency responders from as far away as Spokane, Washington and Chilliwack, British Columbia. There was broad representation of response disciplines present including law enforcement officers, public health personnel, health care providers, public works personnel, elected officials, tribal officials, industry, Coast Guard personnel, and firefighters. Chief Brunacini encouraged audience participation in the seminar

and the resulting discussion was lively. Many participants commented on the benefit of sharing diverse perspectives relating to homeland security and ICS.

Ann Moore, Director of Emergency Services for United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley, Washington, summed the seminar up well with this statement: "Chief Brunacini delivered an insightful message of effective incident command achieved by establishing a true commitment to protect our responders and our community. He used the Phoenix Fire Department to demonstrate what true commitment looks like. His 'Blue Card' program is an essential Incident Management System designed to support 100% of our daily emergency operations. It is our future!"

For more information please contact: Snohomish County DEM Roger Serra (425) 423-7635 or Region 1 Homeland Security Coordinator Nancy Franze (425) 423-7635 or nlfranze@snodem.org

Region 2

Tribal Planner Region 2 hired Cherrie Crowell from the Suquamish Tribe as a regional Tribal Planner using HLS grant funding. Cherrie came onboard in November. Her primary role is assisting the seven tribes in Region 2 complete their emergency plans and developing Neighborhood Preparedness.



Cherrie Crowell – Region 2 Tribal Planner

Medical Reserve Corps(MRC) Kitsap County through its newly formed Citizen Corps Council launched the MRC April 30. For more information on Kitsap County Citizen Corps and the MRC go to their web site at www.kitsapdem.org

Interoperable problem Resolved. Fire Chiefs in Region 2 resolved an interoperable issue with Jefferson County fire agencies. During the Chiefs' review of interoperability issues they found that because of different and outmoded radios being used by Jefferson County fire agencies they could not communicate with other Region 2 fire agencies. New radios for Jefferson County fire agencies will be purchased through 03 HS grant funding to eliminate this interoperable issue.

For more information please contact: Kitsap County DEM Phyllis Mann, (360) 616-5870 or Region 2 Homeland Security Coordinator John Szymanski (360) 616-5878 or Jszymans@co.kitsap.wa.us

Region 4

New Newsletter

Region 4 just recently began a new newsletter that will help provide education and information to the four-county region. The newsletter will provide a wide variety of information on topics such as grants, law enforcement, Citizen Corps, training and exercises.



Washington State Homeland Security Region IV Update

Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum Counties

Region IV Council

- Sheriff Gerry Lucas - (Chair)
Clark County Sheriff Office
- Chief Dave Laffave - (Vice -
Chair) Cowlitz 2 Fire/Rescue
- Chief Brian Martinek
Vancouver Police Dept.
- Chief Don Blake
Vancouver Fire Dept.
- Chief Dennis Mason
Clark County Fire #11
- Tom Griffith - Director
CRESA

Volume 1, Issue 1 **Newsletter Date: April 23,**
Why a Newsletter??

This newsletter was started to distribute general Homeland Security (HS) information to those who are involved in HS in Region IV (Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties).

We are starting with a certain database of email addresses, which may result in some of you receiving this newsletter twice. We apologize for that inconvenience. Also, please let us know if you do not want to receive this newsletter, and we will take you off the distribution list. On the other hand, if you know of someone should receive these newsletters and is not on the distribution list, please tell them to get in touch with us so we can add them to our database. Contact Tom Griffith at

Exercises & Training

Region 4 just completed a very successful Chemical Weapons Tabletop Exercise in Longview, Washington conducted by EG&G. The regionalized training plans for Region 4 for awareness level training were approved by ODP and the region is in the process of developing the Train-The-Trainer classes.

*Region 4 Table Top Exercise
June 8, 2004*



Grants

The FY04 SHGP grant budget was approved by the Region 4 discipline groups and the Technical Committee and will be presented to the Coordinating Council for approval at their next meeting. The LETPP budget and equipment list is complete and waiting contracting.

For more information please contact: Clark County DEM Tom Griffith (360) 737-1911 ext. 3951 or Region 4 Homeland Security Coordinator Ernie Schnabler (360) 737-1911 (ext 3950) and ernestus.schnabler@clark.wa.gov

Region 6

Grant Process

Region 6 (King County) uses a competitive proposal process for funding homeland security prevention, preparedness, response and recovery projects. Projects typically involve interoperable communications, critical infrastructure and cyber security, emergency plans and continuity of business and government services. For the FFY03 Supplemental Grant we received 46 proposals and are currently funding 30 local jurisdictional projects, with five additional regional services projects. We've just closed the proposal solicitation process for UASI 2 (we received 29 proposals) and FFY04 (we received 53 proposals) for pass through projects. Our cross-discipline selection committee is reviewing and ranking the proposals received.

Region 6 Homeland Security Strategic Plan:

We have completed our regional stakeholder interviews and held our second workshop to develop the Plan. We received lots of good input and hope to have a draft for final review by the end of June.

Citizen Corps

Region 6 has 13 active local Citizen Corps. On June 12th, the Carnation/Duvall Citizen Corps held a full-scale exercise.

Training, Exercising, Training!



Region 6 Disaster Plan Seminar

Our new Training & Exercise Coordinator has been coordinating and teaching ODP approved training for AWR 100-Emergency Response to Terrorism, Basic Concepts. We've also been holding half-day Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) classes for our regional partners that will be holding exercises.

Speaking of exercises, Region 6 recently held an MCI exercise and a Regional Disaster Plan Seminar for Private and Public Organizations workshop.

Innovation Wins Washington State's King County Two Awards: The National 9/11 Commission 'Best Practices' Award and NACo 'Emergency Management & Response' Award

King County, Washington, has set the gold standard for regional disaster planning by drawing in the heavy hitters of the private sector and using creative organizational thinking, according to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the 9-11 Commission). Last December, the congressionally created independent panel used a high-profile field hearing on emergency preparedness to crown King County with a Best Practices Award for its innovative public/private disaster response plan.

Now the National Association of Counties (NACo) is awarding Region 6, King County, with the 2004 Emergency Management and Response Award for the Regional Disaster Plan for Public and Private Organizations.

This Regional Disaster Plan includes the legal and financial framework for how to respond in an emergency. The 117 organizations participating in the plan include typical first responder agencies – police, fire departments and hospitals – as well as cities, private organizations and businesses, including Puget Sound Energy, the regional power and gas utility, and Microsoft, the computer software giant.

"Individual jurisdictions and agencies all have individual emergency response plans, but no one had tied all of these together," explained Eric Holdeman, the director of the King County Office of Emergency Management. "What makes our plan unique is that we pulled in private organizations and business. Eighty-five percent of the critical infrastructure – utilities and such – is in the private sector. It's fine to have continuity of government services, but the large public employers have such a regional presence in terms of the economy. We're all co-dependent."

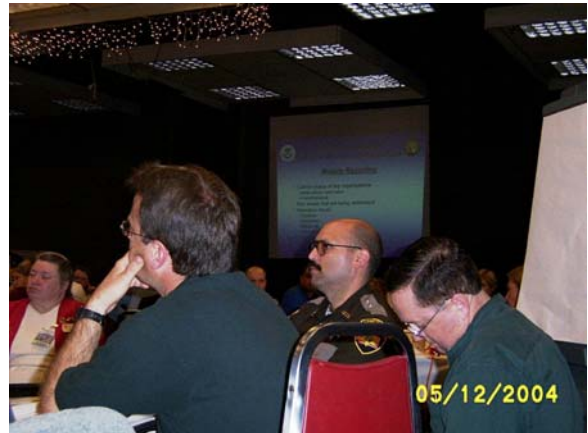
The majority of King County's 39 cities have signed up with the plan, and 18 of the 19 hospitals in the area are on board. "Part of the plan includes a bioterrorism response for the hospitals," Holdeman said. "The hospitals realized the importance of having a common document that outlined how to share resources."

Although participants continue to refine their collaboration, the regional plan is functional as it stands now, he said. Holdeman advised other areas that are thinking of launching a similar effort to forget the cookie cutter approach. "Every area is different. The sponsoring organization will also have to realize that this is a long-term effort. The politics behind something like this is huge. "It's all about building relationships between jurisdictions and agencies and businesses."

For more information please contact: King County OEM, Eric Holdeman, (206) 205-4060; eric.holdeman@metrokc.gov, Website, www.metrokc.gov/prepare or Kathryn Howard Region 6 Homeland Security Coordinator (206) 205-4061, kathryn.howard@metrokc.gov.

Region 7

The main focus for Region Seven recently was preparation for and conduct of a "Very Successful" Regional Bio-Terrorism Table Top Exercise on May 12th in Wenatchee, WA. There were over 270 participants and observers from the five-county region, Colville tribal nation, and public health, EMS, hospital, law enforcement, fire, E911 and many other areas. In addition several state agencies participated to include Department of Health, and the State Emergency Management Division. The entire exercise was made possible with the planning and execution assistance of the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) contractor EG&G.



Region 7 May 12th Table Top Exercise in Wenatchee,

For more information please contact: Grant County DEM Sam Lorenz (509) 762-1462 or Region 7 Homeland Security Coordinator Dean Curtis (509) 750-7174 or gcem@co.grant.wa.us

Region 8

Tabletop Exercise, March 24, 2004

Region Eight conducted an exercise on March 24, 2004 involving a multiple county response to the importation of smallpox. Over one hundred seventy five people participated in the tabletop exercise held in Pasco Washington. The scenario was developed jointly by Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Region 8 and Homeland Security Region 8. State Department of Health and State Emergency Management staff facilitated the exercise. For more information please contact: Franklin County Emergency Management, John Scheer (509) 546-5845 or jscheer@co.franklin.wa.us.



Region 9



Region Nine held a four hour Biological Tabletop Exercise on 26 May 2004. This tabletop exercise focused on exercising the ten-county region's public health, health care facilities, emergency medical services and emergency management throughout the region and northern Idaho. The exercise was held via teleconference to twelve sites with 378 persons participating. The exercise was a huge success with all the counties saying they were going to continue the process throughout the year at their own locations. Working with such a large geographical region is certainly a challenge and EG&G, the ODP exercise contractor, successfully synchronized exercising in multiple locations by using the teleconference technique.

For more information please contact: Spokane County DEM Tom Mattern (509) 477-7607 or Region 9 Homeland Security Coordinator Dave Byrnes (509) 477-7606 or dbyrnes@spokanecounty.org

Homeland Security Grants and Resources



FFY04 Homeland Security Grant Program:

The State of Washington was awarded \$44,015,000 from the Department of Homeland Security under the FFY04 Homeland Security Grant Program for planning, training, exercises and equipment resources related to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive (CBRNE) and cyber-terrorism prevention, response and recovery efforts.

This comprehensive grant program consists of three individual grants: State Homeland Security Program (\$33,408,000), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (\$9,913,000) and Citizen Corps Program (\$694,000). Each grant requires that 80% of the funds be passed through to local governments. Up to 20% of the grants may be retained for state agency use. All activities under these programs must support the goals and objectives outlined in the State Homeland Security Strategic Plan.

The following outlines the local allocations as recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security, Emergency Management Council, Domestic Security Executive Group and as approved by the Governor.

	State Homeland Security Program	Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention	Citizen Corps Program
Region 1	\$3,994,797	\$1,224,323	\$ 81,983
Region 2	\$1,443,939	\$ 481,131	\$ 40,223
Region 3	\$2,484,140	\$ 688,504	\$ 46,151
Region 4	\$2,416,716	\$ 680,365	\$ 49,603
Region 5	\$2,324,598	\$ 734,521	\$ 65,137
Region 6	\$5,377,228	\$1,696,528	\$129,483
Region 7	\$2,094,629	\$ 530,531	\$ 35,608
Region 8	\$2,442,081	\$ 763,213	\$ 51,142
Region 9	\$3,957,272	\$1,131,264	\$ 55,869

The FY 2004 LETPP provides law enforcement communities with funds to support the following prevention activities: information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks; target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets; recognition of potential or developing threats; interoperable communications; and intervention of terrorists before they can execute a threat. These funds may be used for planning, organization, training, exercises, and equipment.

FY 2004 Citizen Corps Program funds will be used to support Citizen Corps Councils with planning, outreach, and management of Citizen Corps programs and activities. The FY 2004 CCP provides the resources necessary for States and local communities to: 1) bring together the appropriate leadership to form and sustain a Citizen Corps Council; 2) develop and implement a plan for the community to engage all citizens in homeland security, community preparedness, and family safety; 3) conduct public education and outreach in order to inform the public about their role in crime prevention, mitigation, emergency preparedness for all hazards, and public health measures, including bioterrorism, and to encourage personal responsibility and action; 4) develop and implement Citizen Corps programs offering training and volunteer opportunities to

support first responders, disaster relief groups, and community safety efforts, to include the four charter federal programs: Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC); and 5) coordinate Citizen Corps activities with other DHS funded programs and other federal initiatives.

The state agency projects that have been preliminarily approved for funding under this grant program include:

Agency	Project
Department of Information Services	Justice Information Network
	Penetration Test (IT)
	SIEC Interoperability Survey/Report
Washington State Patrol	NCIC 2000 Enhancements
	Washington Joint Analytical Center
	Homeland Security Institute
	LETPP Administration
General Administration	Capitol Campus Communications Upgrade
Parks and Recreation	Interoperable Communications
Department of Agriculture	Agri-Terrorism Prevention Activities
Military Department	Homeland Security Planning and Administration
Office of Financial Management	Citizen Corps Planning and Administration

For more information on the FFY04 Homeland Security Grant Program, please contact Arel Solie, EMD Homeland Security Program Manager at (253) 512-7468 or a.solie@emd.wa.gov.

State and Local Officials Announce Homeland Security Projects In Puget Sound Metropolitan Region



State and local officials have announced a range of projects designed to improve security and emergency preparedness in the Puget Sound metropolitan area. The projects are funded by a 2004 federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant which was awarded May 19.

The UASI grant assigned \$16.4 million for State and local security and preparedness projects in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties and in the city of Seattle. The grant also provided \$795,280 for Sound Transit security projects.

"I am pleased that the state and cities and counties in the Puget Sound region have worked together to plan these critical projects," Gov. Gary Locke said. "Washington has been a leader on homeland security issues. The tremendous cooperation among state and local jurisdictions is one reason we have been so successful in addressing security concerns. The projects announced today will significantly enhance preparedness throughout the region."

"These projects are the result of a cooperative planning process conducted by the State; King, Pierce and Snohomish counties and the city of Seattle. The projects will help Washington's most populated region to be better prepared to respond to terrorism threats and other emergencies," said Glen Woodbury, director, Washington Emergency Management Division of the Washington Military Department.

Projects funded by Washington State's 2004 UASI grant will include:

- Three law enforcement boats that will enhance the region's marine security.
- A network that allows a video downlink from helicopters to be shared with command sites from the scene of incidents and will complete a communications link of the State and regional response centers in Seattle, and in King, Pierce, Snohomish counties.
- A public education campaign to inform Puget Sound area residents about personal preparedness and protection from chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.
- Security improvements for the University of Washington and emergency response training and weapons of mass destruction response equipment for Washington State Ferries.
- Equipment upgrades for the Washington State Department of Health Public Health Laboratories and for the Washington State Patrol's State Crime Laboratory.
- The City of Seattle will purchase two police boats, one fast-attack fire boat, and supplement levy funding for a large fire boat. Seattle also will implement technology that allows video to be shared with command sites from the scene of incidents and will complete a communications link of the state and regional command centers. "These security projects will enable us to move toward our goal of making Seattle the best-prepared city in America," said Mayor Greg Nickels. "We'll improve the technology we need to communicate with our regional partners and enhance the marine security throughout the Seattle urban area."
- King County Executive Ron Sims said, "We are very pleased with the Department of Homeland Security's release of \$17 million to the region. This grant supports King County and our regional partners for homeland security preparedness throughout the entire region and complements the region's overall disaster readiness. . As 9/11 in New York City demonstrated, larger events require regional and national response and recovery efforts. By working with our regional partners in the area--Seattle, King County, Pierce County and Snohomish County--we can better prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from natural and human created disasters. Our goals for use of these funds are to improve communications and coordination through interoperable communications projects, to protect our citizens through security enhancements, and to provide continuity of government and services. Our region has been recognized by the National 9/11 Commission as a national leader in our efforts for coordination and communication with public and private entities."

- Snohomish County Emergency Manager Roger Serra said, "We're pleased to be included in this program which emphasizes a regional approach to homeland security issues. The parties have worked well together so that this region is prepared."
- Pierce County Emergency Management Director Steve Bailey said, "Past events have clearly shown that a single jurisdiction may not be able to handle a significant emergency. Regional planning and response capabilities are going to be the key to future emergency response."
- "Passenger safety is Sound Transit's highest priority," said Sound Transit Board Chair and Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg. "The Homeland Security grant we have received will support such projects as closed circuit TV equipment and emergency alarms in Sounder commuter rail cars. These security improvements will make it even safer to ride Sound Transit than it already is."

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City of Seattle Project Impact

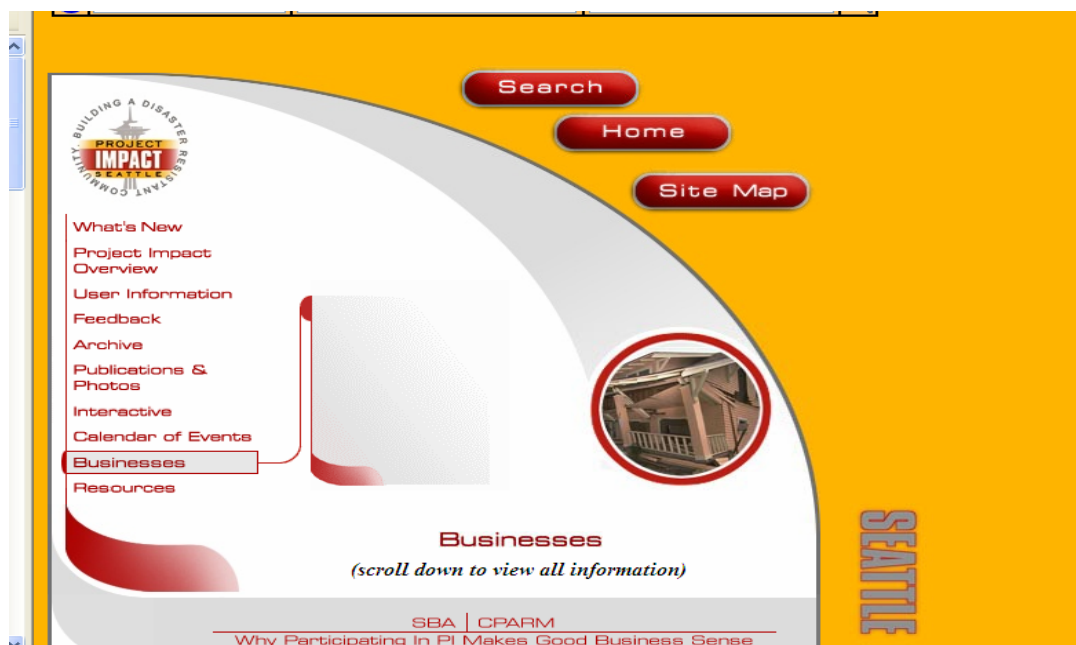
Seattle Project Impact is a public-private partnership whose overall goal is to make communities more resistant to the damaging effects of disasters (natural or man-made). Programs encourage people to take action before a disaster occurs through initiatives that include promoting safer homes, schools, businesses, and better earthquake and landslide hazard mapping. The City of Seattle has taken numerous steps to improve the disaster preparedness and response capabilities of communities and businesses. Additionally these efforts include a commitment to mitigation projects to help lessen potential future disasters with projects to reduce the city's vulnerability to damage in future disasters.

Initial funding for **Seattle Project Impact** was through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the [City of Seattle Emergency Management](#). Because the Project's benefits are compelling in both human and economic terms, the City of Seattle has institutionalized Seattle Project Impact and is committed to continuing these efforts well into the future. Seattle Project Impact is proud to share their programs with other communities facing similar risks and to assist when needed.

In January of 1998, Seattle was selected to be one of the seven pilot communities in the nation for Project Impact grants. Originally, the project began with a partnership between the City of

Seattle and a local organization, Contingency Planning and Recovery Management (CPARM) group. They combined forces and were joined by scientists, voluntary organizations, neighborhood groups, academicians, small businesses, local/state/federal government to use the FEMA grant in developing long-term disaster solutions, not only for Seattle but regionally. The four programs which were created and continue today are Regional Home Retrofit, School Retrofit, Disaster Resistant Businesses (DRB), and Hazard Mapping. All of the programs were designed to be of substantial benefit to the community, to reduce risks, and be easily exportable to any jurisdiction. Seattle Project Impact has retrofitted over 600 houses, 100 schools, trained over 3,000 homeowners & contractors, provided maps & information to thousands of area residents, assisted 100's of businesses – and that's only the beginning.

Seattle Project Impact and its website <http://www.seattle.gov/projectimpact/> provide a wealth of information and resources to include: resource phone numbers, web links, frequently asked questions and answers, disaster preparedness checklists, interactive web games, specifics on the 4 Programs, steps to follow to mitigate disasters, information on the Seattle Disaster Aid and Response Teams (SDART), workshops and educational resources.



Knowing that businesses are an important part of the community in which they reside Seattle Project Impact has focused many resources to help build capability and capacity. The Disaster Resistant Business (DRB) Program approach is all-hazard and includes those aspects created by potential terrorist threat. The DRB Program introduces templates and resources to help business take action in lessening disasters effects, from a trash can fire or power outage, to a major earthquake. Provided in the "Hot Topics" section of the website is information such as the Business Emergency Network (BEN) – a two-way communication system between government and businesses during a crisis or disaster – and many other topics to help equip businesses with planning guides, information, checklists, templates, and sources of aid. A comprehensive Toolkit is in the works to simplify the process for all size & type of business to create a disaster plan, train, exercise and more.

For more information please contact Seattle Project Impact at (206) 615-0288 or ProjectImpact@seattle.gov



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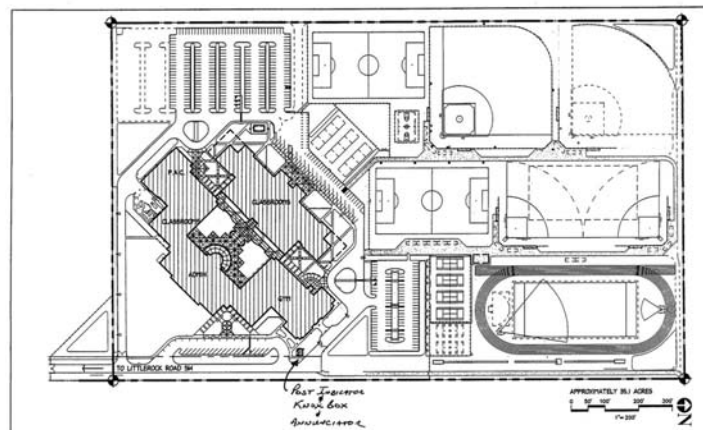


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Washington State High School Security Assessments

In 2003 the Washington State Legislature approved funding for performing security assessments and mapping of over 400 High Schools in Washington State. The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) in conjunction with Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Association of Washington School Principals, the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs (WSAFC) and the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), local school board officials, state legislators and Prepared Response, Inc. have joined together on a statewide initiative designed to give police, fire and other emergency first responders' better information when responding to emergencies. With this legislation, all high schools are scheduled to be mapped by January 2005 and additional funding to assess and map middle and elementary schools will be sought in the 2005 legislative session. To date, the project team has pursued an aggressive and successful timeline that has completed 310 orientation sessions, 96 pre-tactical planning meetings and 225 data-collection site visits. Prepared Response, Inc. has completed the data entry for 105 schools so far and training on the mapping system is scheduled to start at the end of June 2004. A schedule of schools to be mapped is at www.preparedresponse.com/schoolschedule.

This new initiative is a statewide multi-phased emergency preparedness program that will begin by mapping every high school facility in the State using Rapid Responder™, a new Internet-based mapping technology designed by the Seattle-based company Prepared Response, Inc. The Rapid Responder tool provides emergency responders with access to critical school information – including complete floor plans, site maps, utility control locations, tactical and evacuation plans and school contact information – needed to address emergencies quickly, decisively and safely. Rapid Responder is a product that was created by emergency responders to specifically meet their needs and provides real-time, site specific information on pre-loaded computers or wireless Internet connection that allows personnel to have pre-planned instructions in place as well as to receive status reports on site. The many capabilities include:

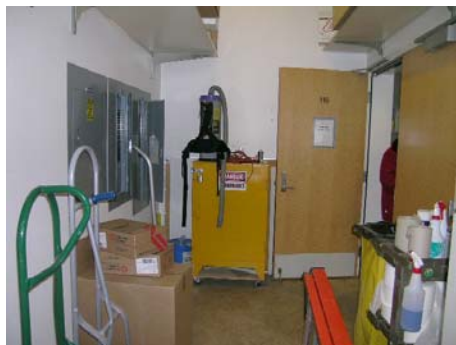


Example of Digital Floor Plans Stored In the System



Aerial Photography Sample of the External Digital Images

- Access to on-line mapping and directions to specific incident sites.
- The ability to view and print building blueprints.
- Digital internal and external site photographs.
- Storage of incident plans and logistical information.
- The ability to create command and control plans.
- Secure communication connectivity.
- Emergency contact information for incident commanders.
- Capability to view site-specific hazardous materials information.
- Communication links to hospitals and other medical services.
- Resource information to quickly assess “collapse zones” around major structures.
- Conduct capability for “pre-incident” fire planning as required by law.



Internal Hazard Locations Are Also Tracked and Stored for Potential Use by Responders and Schools

This school security will help address the vulnerabilities, hazards and strengths of each school campus by pre-identifying security risks and trends and then identifying potential solutions in terms of

physical plant equipment, security personnel, plans and procedures while articulating specific needs to protect people, assets and property.

Washington State is pioneering efforts to maximize the safety of our schools and use technology to provide the best information possible to emergency responders, schools and communities and is an excellent example of how important it is to team together within our state to build capacity and capability together. For more information on this project please contact Craig Apperson at OSPI (360) 725-6056, capperson@ospi.wednet.edu or Joe Pope at AWSP at (360) 357-7951, joepope@awsp.org and Joe Hawe at WASPC (360) 486-2424 and joehawe@msn.com.

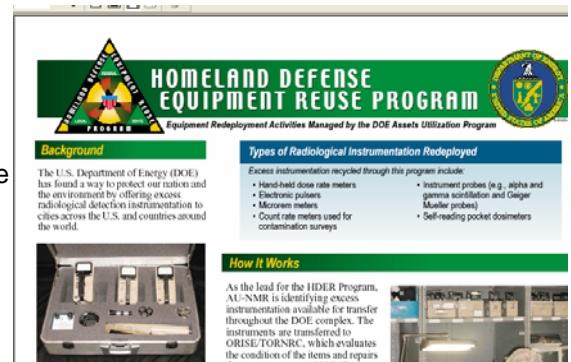


Homeland Defense Equipment Re-Use Program (HDER)



Scope

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), in coordination with the Department of Energy, Office of Assets Utilization, National Center of Excellence for Materials Recycle (DOE), is pleased to make available the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program. The goal of the HDER Program is to provide surplus radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, as well as training and technical support, to emergency responder agencies nationwide to enhance their domestic preparedness capabilities.



Equipment

The HDER Program provides responder agencies across the nation access to a substantial inventory of radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment that is no longer required by the Federal government. This equipment is rehabilitated and provided at no cost to the recipient. In addition, training on the use of the equipment items and long-term support for their maintenance and

Training

On-site training on the use of the equipment is available to the emergency responders in the state through ODP's Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program (DPETAP). DPETAP is a comprehensive, national equipment technical assistance program for emergency responders conducted in partnership with the U.S. Army's Pine Bluff Arsenal. DPETAP's mobile teams provide on-site equipment operation and maintenance training, as well as detailed technical information on domestic preparedness equipment. DPETAP created a HDER training course focusing specifically on radiological detection equipment.

HDER Technical Support

Local support for the equipment is available through a partnership with the Health Physics Society (HPS). HPS is a 6,000 member scientific organization of professionals who specialize in radiation safety. Volunteers from local HPS chapters are available to perform field checks and basic maintenance for the equipment, provide hands-on refresher training if required, and serve as a local source of expertise for questions regarding the instrumentation. HPS chapter members are also available to perform an initial examination of the equipment upon delivery to ensure it is operational.

Participation in the Program

Each SAA (State Administering Agent) point of contact is provided with a quarterly equipment list of instrumentation and equipment available through the HDER Program, as well as a form for requesting the desired items and any associated training and local long-term technical support. ODP coordinates with DOE on the delivery of the equipment, with DPETAP to schedule the requested training, and with HPS regarding technical support. Requests may be made quarterly, and an inventory list of available equipment will be provided at the start of each calendar quarter. The quantity and type of items available through the HDER Program will vary. In addition, the specific number of each type of instrumentation that may be requested by each selected area per quarter may be limited to ensure equality in their distribution. All shipments of instrumentation and equipment are made to the designated SAA point of contact for distribution. Finally, training is provided on classes of equipment, not specific makes and models. Availability of this training for specific dates is also subject to the availability of the DPETAP mobile training teams. The inventory list provided each quarter to the SAA point of contact will clearly identify any restrictions.

Within the State of Washington the State Administering Agent is the Homeland Security Advisor and the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) program is coordinated through the Emergency Management Division within the Washington Military Department.

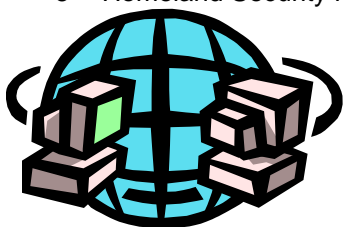
HDER Contact Information

Questions about the HDER program and requests for additional information for Washington State may be directed to Mr. Robert Isaman, Emergency Management Division, at 253-512-7052 or r.isaman@emd.wa.gov

Read All About It! A Wealth of Homeland Security Information

There is a tremendous amount of information circulating in a timely, easy to read format in newsletters today to help provide homeland security information to the many sectors that partner together. Some of the newsletters that you can subscribe to for free or very low cost are:

- National Governors Association (NGA) <http://www.nga.org/center/security/>
- Government Executive Homeland Security <http://govexec.com/homeland/>
- Homeland Security <http://www.homelandsecurity.org>
- Homeland Security Weekly <http://www.twotigersonline.com/newsletter.html>
- DHS Infrastructure Protection <http://www.nipc.gov/dailyreports/dailyindex.html>
- Homeland Defense Journal <http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com>
- Terrorism Research Center <http://www.terrorism.com>
- Homeland Security Monitor <http://www.homelandsecuritymonitor.com/index.htm>



And websites.....Homeland Security Links

<http://www.emd.wa.gov/site-general/wahsas/wa-hsas-idx.htm>



FEMA

FEMA's New On-Line Course Helps Schools Develop Effective Emergency Operations Plans

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recently fielded an on-line, independent study course that will help educators and first responders develop effective emergency operations plans for the wide array of potential emergencies that schools face.



*One of our Many Washington Schools -
Stadium High School, Tacoma WA*

"Our Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools course has long been successful in helping educators protect their students," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "Now this course is available online, increasing its reach across the nation and greatly enhancing the nation's school emergency planning."

Specialists at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute developed the online course, IS 362: Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools, which is based on a traditional classroom course that FEMA has been offering for nine years. The online course describes emergency management operations, roles and responsibilities, explains how to assess potential hazards schools face, and explains how to develop and test an emergency operations plan. While the course takes an all-hazards approach to emergency planning, it does include a lesson on planning for terrorism.

The course takes between six to eight hours to complete; those successfully finishing it receive a certification of completion. The course is located at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is362.asp>

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.



FEMA's Emergency Management Institute Also Announces National Incident Management System (NIMS) Introductory Course

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, (HSPD-5) which directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

This course introduces NIMS and takes approximately three hours to complete. It explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The course also contains "Planning Activity" screens giving you an opportunity to complete some planning tasks during this course. The planning activity screens are printable so that you can use them after you complete the course.

What will I be able to do when I finish this course?

- Describe the key concepts and principles underlying NIMS.
- Identify the benefits of using ICS as the national incident management model.
- Describe when it is appropriate to institute an Area Command.
- Describe when it is appropriate to institute a Multiagency Coordination System.
- Describe the benefits of using a Joint Information System (JIS) for public information.
- Identify the ways in which NIMS affects preparedness.
- Describe how NIMS affects how resources are managed.
- Describe the advantages of common communication and information management systems.
- Explain how NIMS influences technology and technology systems.
- Describe the purpose of the NIMS Integration Center

Lessons

- **Lesson 1: What is the National Incident Management System (NIMS)?**
- **Lesson 2: Command and Management under NIMS -- Part 1**
- **Lesson 3: Command and Management under NIMS -- Part 2**
- **Lesson 4: Public Information**
- **Lesson 5: Preparedness**
- **Lesson 6: Resource Management**
- **Lesson 7: Communications, Information Management, and Supporting Technology**
- **Lesson 8: Course Summary**

For more information on both courses: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/> or contact FEMA at:

Emergency Management Institute
Phone (301) 447-1000
Address 16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Fax (301) 447-1052



Lessons Learned Information Sharing

www.**LLIS**.gov

New DHS Information Portal for State and Local Emergency Officials to Share Best Practices

Since April 19, 2004 state and local emergency officials across the country have been able to trade preparedness tips, training ideas and best practices right from their desks on the Lessons Learned Information Sharing system (LLIS), a new Department of Homeland Security Web site.

DHS collaborated with the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) in Oklahoma City and DFI International, a national security consulting company, to develop LLIS.

The Web site features a catalog of redacted "after action reports" from emergency drills and live events, a nationwide directory of emergency officials and other homeland security-related documents.

Security experts will peer-review the site's content before it is posted. It is available only for emergency officials who complete an online authorization process "to encourage an open, honest and neutral forum," said MIPT spokeswoman Ellen Powell.

The content on the site must meet DHS standards for "sensitive, but unclassified information".

To sign up for the portal log onto <https://www.llis.dhs.gov/>



We the People - Council for Excellence In Government Initiative to Engage and Connect the Many Sectors of Homeland Security



The Council for Excellence in Government has started a critical new initiative - Homeland Security from the Citizens' Perspective. This undertaking will engage and connect citizens, first responders, volunteer and civic organizations, businesses, government officials at federal, state, and local levels, and representatives of academia to focus on citizens' concerns and develop recommendations for action by the key players in the U.S. homeland security enterprise.

The distinguishing characteristic of this initiative is its citizen-centered focus on the entire homeland security enterprise including all levels of government, business, civic organizations, and the public.

To effectively involve and connect the diverse stakeholders, the Council is conducting two interrelated activities: a series of town hall meetings around the country and expert [working groups](#) meetings. The working groups will be informed by the [town halls](#) and other citizen input, including a nationwide [public opinion poll](#). In the spring of 2004, the Council will publish a final report.

Within our state, the Council for Excellence in Government conducted a town hall on April 6, 2004 in Seattle that was co-sponsored by Microsoft. Following the plenary session, "Citizen's Perspective" working groups developed integrated enterprise-wide recommendations in the areas of:

- Collaborative Leadership and Service Delivery
- Seamless Collaboration through Enabling Technologies
- Funding and Performance Measurements
- Privacy and Security.

The Council on Government also recently published their citizen's National Poll and the results can be found at:

http://www.excelgov.org/usermedia/images/uploads/PDFs/Homeland_Full_Report.pdf

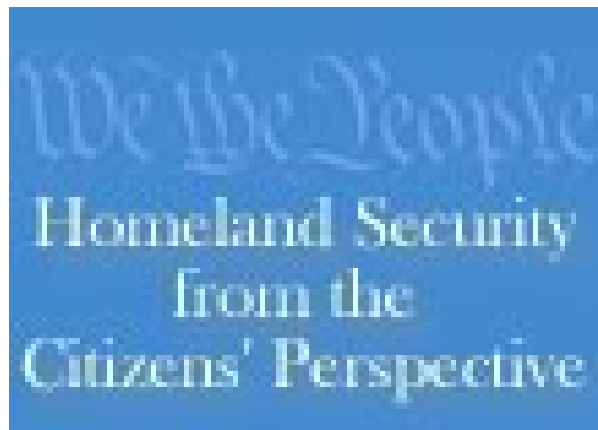
A summary of the findings (Mar 31, 2004) indicates that a majority of Americans described themselves as "concerned" regarding homeland security and believe that the United States is likely to be the target of another terrorist attack in the months ahead, nevertheless, very few are aware of state and local security preparedness plans.

The report reflects that citizens generally have a dynamic “can-do” picture of safety and trust those who are responsible for ensuring their safety. The public believes people should be able to go about their daily lives with a self-assurance that results from being informed, alert and aware of surroundings because they a) know there are well-rehearsed and connected emergency plans in place within businesses and communities, b) people know where to get the information they need, c) they have confidence that their emergency responders are well trained, d) information and intelligence systems are working well, and that e) private information about citizens is protected.

To guide the homeland security enterprise the focus should be: a) citizen focused, b) collaborative, c) strategically focused to articulate clear goals and measures, d) use innovative approaches and partnerships, e) build public trust, and f) hold responsible entities accountable for results.

Citizen respondents generally said:

- 77% of adults said they believe it is very or somewhat likely the U.S. will be the target of another attack in the next few months, but 49% of those said they are not concerned about an attack in their neighborhoods.
- 26% of Americans said they were “calm” and another 73% considered themselves “anxious” or “concerned.”
- The most-feared types of attacks are bioterrorism and chemical weapons at 48% and 37% respectively.
- In the area of preparedness plans: 19% of Americans said they are familiar with their community preparedness plans and 18% are familiar with their state level preparedness plans: 36% said they were familiar with their workplace preparedness plans and 27% had familiarity with schools’ preparedness plans.
- Citizen respondents (37%) believed having information systems that share data across agencies (interoperability) and tighter border security are among the best steps to strengthen homeland security.
- A large majority of citizen respondents (62%) thought having a nationwide hotline to report suspicious activity was a good idea. A majority also said they would be willing to help with homeland security by volunteering in some capacity.
- 56% of the respondents said they believe the Patriot Act is good for America and approximately half of the respondents believe that it must be debated thoroughly in Congress before any decisions can be made about whether it should be renewed.
- A majority (59%) felt the government should have access to companies’ “personal information” about their customers if it would help to prevent terrorism.



More information on the council and their entire catalogue of resources can be found on their website at <http://www.excelgov.org/>

NOMIS: Network of Medicolegal Investigative Systems *Turning Information Into Knowledge*



We would hope to never suffer a terrorism fatality or any type of mass casualty within the state or our nation, but should that happen it is important that the forensic science community have secure data sharing capability to communicate across jurisdictions. The NOMIS project is a partnership between the Kitsap County (WA) Coroner's Office in conjunction with Del Mar College and the Nueces County Medical Examiners Office of Corpus Christi, Texas to sponsor the deployment of the Network of Medicolegal Investigative Systems (NOMIS) Basic Death Investigation web service application.

NOMIS is an Internet-based mortality data collection software program designed for use by medical examiners, coroners, justices of the peace, individuals and agencies referred to as death investigators or first responders to enter, edit, track, print and report case information. NOMIS enhances the ability for death investigators to respond to and mitigate mass fatality events. It provides users with a reliable, accessible and cost-efficient method of electronically storing, retrieving and analyzing data. In addition, NOMIS serves as a tool for local and national researchers concerned with public health, injury prevention, WMD incidents or Bio-Terrorism.

Example of a NOMIS Case Summary Input Screen

NOMIS links data via a secure web infrastructure. NOMIS enables investigators to implement national standards defined by the U.S. Department of Justice for management of death investigation information. This is critical for use in legal issues that affect surviving family members, and provides valuable information for the subsequent mitigation of the effects of multiple fatality incidents.

NOMIS offers a comprehensive solution for the needs of Medicolegal and law enforcement jurisdictions that offers information for multiple uses across national security and defense agencies, criminal justice, public health, disaster mitigation, response and recovery.

Some of the many modules NOMIS has the ability to provide collection, analysis and retrieval of data for are:

- Identification of Missing and Unidentified Deceased Persons
- Mass Fatality Victim Identification
- Investigator Training and Certification
- Tracking Bioterrorism Related Events
- Digital Image Libraries
- Electronic Death Registration
- Evidence Control and Disposition
- Emergency Room Casualty Tracking
- Military Combat Aid Station Tracking
- Hospital and Critical Care Bed Space Availability (for mass fatality response)
- Mortality and Morbidity Reporting
- Contagious Diseases and Epidemics
- AMBER Alert Enhanced Communications Module
- Enhance and Aid In Serial Homicides
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Further Public Health/Disease Epidemiology Related Data Collection and Analysis

There are also many advanced NOMIS modules under development:

- DNA Fingerprinting Archiving and Communication
- Immigration and Naturalization Monitoring (Tracking Deceased Aliens)
- Arson/Explosion Investigations
- Geospatial Data Analysis
- Consumer Product Safety
- Crime Mapping
- Weapons Ballistics and Firearm Identification
- Drug Trafficking – Cause and Manner of Death With Chemical Analysis Reports for Tracking.

For more information please contact The Kitsap County Coroner's Office NOMIS Team – National Hub Office (800)-501-1926 or (888) 410-4006 and lsmit@indx.ws.

Radiological/Nuclear Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness Train-the Trainer Level Training Opportunity



The Office of Radiation Protection, Nuclear Safety Section is pleased to announce that they will be the hosting jurisdiction for the Department of Justice, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Train-the Trainer, Awareness Level Course. This course is designed to prepare participants to deliver an 8-hour Radiological/Nuclear Awareness course using a prepared lesson plan. The class will be conducted by trainers from Bechtel-Nevada. The dates for this course are Wednesday, July 21-22, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. daily. The class tuition is free. The class will be held at the Trace Recreation and Agricultural Center (TRAC), 6600 Burden Boulevard, Pasco, WA 99302. A map and driving directions can be found by following this link:

<http://www.traconline.com/locate.htm>. Registration for this class is available through the Washington Public Health Training Network (WAPHTN) at <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/waphtn/classlist.asp?id=139/>.

For more information please contact: Kim Butowicz, Office of Radiation Protection, Nuclear Safety Section, Department of Health, (360) 236-3273 or kim.butowicz@doh.wa.gov



How Can I Get Involved? – A lot of Options to Contribute

Programs & Partners

After September 11, 2001, America witnessed a wellspring of selflessness and heroism. People in every corner of the country asked, "What can I do?" and "How can I help?" Citizen Corps was created to help everyone answer these questions through public education and outreach, training, and volunteer service.

[Citizen Corps Councils](#) helps drive local citizen participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing opportunities to engage our communities in Public Volunteerism and Service.



The [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) Program](#) educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community. The program is administered through DHS/ODP/SLPC/Citizen Corps.



The [Medical Reserve Corps \(MRC\) Program](#) strengthens communities by helping medical, public health and other volunteers to offer their expertise throughout the year as well as during local emergencies and other times of community need. MRC volunteers work in coordination with existing local emergency response programs and also supplement existing community public health initiatives, and efforts. The MRC program is administered through HHS.



The [Neighborhood Watch Program \(NWP\) Program](#) incorporates terrorism awareness education into its existing crime prevention mission, while also serving as a way to bring residents together to focus on emergency preparedness and emergency response training. Neighborhood Watch is administered by the National Sheriffs' Association.



[Volunteers in Police Service \(VIPs\)](#) works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers. VIPs serves as a gateway to resources and information for and about law enforcement volunteer programs. VIPs is managed and implemented administered by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

[The Citizen Corps Affiliate Program](#) expands the resources and materials available to states and local communities by partnering with Programs and Organizations that offer resources for

public education, outreach, and training; represent volunteers interested in helping to make their community safer; or offer volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts.

Citizen Corps is coordinated nationally by the Department of Homeland Security. DHS also works closely with the [Corporation for National and Community Service \(CNCS\)](#) to promote volunteer service activities that support homeland security and community safety. CNCS is a federal agency that operates nationwide service programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America. Participants in these programs may support Citizen Corps Council activities by helping to establish training and information delivery systems for neighborhoods, schools, and businesses, and by helping with family preparedness and crime prevention initiatives in a community or across a region.

Securing our safety and freedom requires that we all work together. Every American has a critical role to play. What can you do to help? [Volunteer now for a Citizen Corps Program!](#)

Within the State of Washington the Citizen Corps registered groups that you can contact to participate with are:

Citizen Corps Councils: For WA State Contacts

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/citizenCorps/councilsforstate.do?state=WA>

Community Emergency Response Teams: For WA State Contacts (see below)

CERT Team	POC	Phone #	E-Mail	Sponsoring Agency
Bellevue Community College CERT	Paul Graham	425-564-2400	pgraham@bcc.ctc.edu	BCC Dep of Public Safety
Ben Franklin CERT	Molly Scheer	509-545-3546	Fcem5@co.franklin.wa.us	Benton County DEM
Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mill Creek CERT	Daniel G. Good	425-776-3722	Esca1@mindspring.com	Emergency Services Coord. Agency
Everett Fire CERT	Dave Moses or Tom Bomar	425-257-8109	tom@fitlaunch.com	Everett Fire Department
Federal Way CERT	Jennifer Teeler	253-661-4023	Jennifer.teeler@fedway.org	City of Federal Way
CERT and PC-Net	James Jaques	253-922-0944	jjagues@cityofmilton.net	City of Milton
SDART	Elizabeth Mash	206-233-7123	sdart@seattle.gov	Seattle Emergency Management
Clallam/Jefferson County CERT	Carolyn Lindley	360-417-1464	clindley@olypen.com or lindlcl@dshs.gov	Olympic Area Agency on Aging
Clark County CERT	Leah Edwards	360-576-1195	leahe@ccrd6.org	Clark County Fire District 6
East County CERT	Nancy Hooper	360-835-7767 or 360-835-5511	gnhooper@earthlink.net	Clark County Fire District One
Citizen Emergency Response Team	Captain Bob Smith or Mary Jo Hoffman	360-759-4407	Bob.smith@ci.vancouver.wa.us	Vancouver Fire Dep
Clark County Regional CERT Program	Deborah Needham	360-737-1911	cresa@co.clark.wa.us	Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency
Cowlitz County CERT	Cathy Batchelor	360-577-3130	batchelor@c.co.cowlitz.wa.us	Cowlitz County DEM
Douglas County CERT	Eric Cunningham	509-745-8564	ecunningham@co.douglas.wa.us	Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Ellensburg Kittitas County CERT	Brenda Larsen	509-962-4311	rsvp@elltel.net	Ellensburg Fire Dep

CERT Team	POC	Phone #	E-Mail	Sponsoring Agency
Greater Woodinville, Kirkland, Bothell & South Snohomish CERT	David Leggett	425-483-2131	daveL@wflsd.org	Woodinville Fire & Life Safety District
Island County-Whidbey & Camano Islands CERT	Dave Halloran	360-240-5572	DaveH@co.island.wa.us	Island County EM and Fire Departments
Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue	Stan Thalberg	360-437-0828	thalberg@olympus.net	Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue
Kenmore & Lake Forest Park CERT	Terri Jones	425-486-2784	terrij@northshorefire.com	Northshore Fire Dep
King County CERT	Mindi Mattson	206-276-4908	CERT@kcfd40.co.king.wa.us	King County Fire District 40
Sammamish Citizen Corps Council	Jan Bromberg	425-868-8944	Jan_bromberg@hotmail.com	Sammamish Citizen Corps Council
Shoreline CERT	Melanie Granfors	206-533-6500	mgranfors@shorelinefire.com	Shoreline Fire Dep
CERT Disaster Training	Police Chief Pete Matt	360-297-6340	pcm@pgst.nsn.us	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Kent CERT	Michelle R. Hale	253-856-4442	mhale@ci.kent.wa.us	City of Kent
Tacoma CERT	Patti McQuillin	253-594-7946	pmcquill@cityoftacoma.org	Tacoma Fire Department
Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams	Gretchen O'Connor or Jody Woodcock	253-798-2751 or 253-798-7021	goconno@co.pierce.wa.us or jwoodcp@co.pierce.wa.us	Pierce County DEM
Skagit CERT	Mark Watkinson or Cindy Wishert	360-428-3250 or 360-336-6277	markw@co.skagit.wa.us or cindyw@ci.mount-vernon.wa.us	Skagit County DEM
Spokane County CERT	Dave Byrnes	509-477-7606	Dbyrnes@spokanecounty.org	Spokane City/County DEM
Snohomish County Student Emergency Response Team	Thomas Ryan	360-563-5225 ext. 4262	Tom.Ryan@sno.wednet.edu	Snohomish County & Valley View Middle School
Snohomish CERT	Greg Osborne or Dep Chief Mark Collins	360-568-2141		Nohomish Fire/Rescue
Snohomish CERT	Christine Colmore	425-258-6461	ccolmore@snodem.org	Snohomish County EM and Fire Districts
Stanwood Camano CERT	Patty Guy	360-387-0481	theguys@whidbey.net	Camano Island Fire & Rescue
Whatcom County CERT	Dale Kloes	360-676-6681	dkloes@co.watcom.wa.us	Whatcom County DEM and Fire Districts
Vashon/Maury Island CERT	Rick Frye	206-463-9851	rickfrye@wolfnet.com	King County Fire District 13
Walla-Walla County CERT	Liz Jessee	509-527-3223	ljesssee@co.walla-wall.wa.us	Walla-Walla County DEM

Volunteers in Police Programs (VIPS): For WA State Contacts
http://www.policevolunteers.org/programs/index.cfm?fuseaction=search_result&state=107&worldRegion=&keyword=&x=10&y=13

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): For WA State Contacts (see below)

MRC Council	POC	Address	Phone #	E-Mail
Kitsap County DEM	Laura Jull	1720 Warren Ave Bremerton, WA	(360) 616-5870	ljull@co.kitsap.wa.us

MRC Council	POC	Address	Phone #	E-Mail
		98337		
Snohomish County DEM	Christine Colmore	3509 109 th S.W. Everett, WA 98204	(425)423-7635	ccolmore@snodem.org
Spokane Medical Society	Gerry Bozarth	104 S. Freya St. Spokane, WA 99202	(509)325-5010	gerry@spcms.org
Thurston County Public Health	Diana Yu	412 Lilly Rd. NE Olympia, WA 98503	(360)786-5581	yud@co.thurston.wa.us

For more information please contact: Karin Frinell-Hanrahan, Washington Commission on National and Community Service (360) 725-5290 or Karin.Frinell-hanrahan@ofm.wa.gov



Washington Statewide Homeland Security Strategic Plan

Action plan progress is moving forward through the efforts of the many statewide coordinating leads and collaboration partners. Action plans will be posted to the Homeland Security page for the Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division and a consolidated Initiatives/Project Matrix will summarize the strategy initiatives and projects that have or need funding from the action plans that support the (76) strategies. There are currently several new resources posted on this website, to include an entire section of useful informational resources focused toward the private sector, so please visit: <http://www.emd.wa.gov/site-general/wahsas/wa-hsas-idx.htm>

The Committee on Homeland Security (CHS) Strategy Development Working Group (SDWG) has finalized their charter to serve as the CHS's working group for assignments related to assessment process, strategy development and performance review:

1. Facilitate and participate in the US Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness *State Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy Program*.
2. Facilitate the implementation and maintenance of the State Homeland Security Strategy and Washington Statewide Homeland Security Strategic Plan.
3. Recommend and draft strategy to improve and enhance Washington State preparedness.
4. Provide a forum for coordination and exchange of information.
5. Recommend, monitor and where appropriate develop systems and processes to accomplish the review and prioritization of Homeland Security action plans and related initiatives to formulate and provide recommendations to the statewide domestic security infrastructure.

6. Monitor and analyze statewide progress in achieving homeland security strategies and assist with reporting to the statewide domestic security infrastructure.

The SDWG is comprised of local emergency response disciplines, state agencies and statewide association representatives, working as a sub-group of the Committee on Homeland Security. It includes:

- Washington State Emergency Management Division
- Washington State Military Department Headquarters
- Local Fire Department Representative
- Local Level Emergency Management Representative
- Local Law Enforcement – Criminal Intelligence Unit
- Local EMS Representative
- Washington State Hospital Association
- Washington State Management Division
- Washington State Patrol
- Local Public Health Representative

For more information or to provide recommendations for the Washington Statewide Homeland Security Strategic Plan please contact: Nancy Bickford, Washington Military Department, (253) 512-7712 or Nancy.Bickford@mil.wa.gov



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Acronyms Used in This Newsletter

CERT	Community Emergency Response Teams
CHS	EMC Committee on Homeland Security (Washington State)
COE	Corps of Engineers
COT	Committee on Terrorism (Washington State)
CPARM	Contingency Planning and Recovery Management
DOE	US Department of Energy
DHS	US Department of Homeland Security
DIS	Department of Information Services (Washington State)
DPETAP	Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program (ODP)
DRB	Disaster Resistant Business Program
EMC	Emergency Management Council (Washington State)
EMD	Emergency Management Division (Washington State Military Department)
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
HDER	Homeland Defense Equipment Re-Use Program
HLS	Homeland Security
HPS	Health Physics Society
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
ICS	Incident Command System
IMO	International Maritime Industry
ISPS	International Ship and Facility Security Code
IRR	Initial Response Resources
JTTF	Joint Terrorism Task Force
LLIS	Lessons Learned Information System (DHS)

LETPP	Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program
LESA	Law Enforcement Support Administration
LLEA	Lead Law Enforcement Agency
MARSEC	Maritime Security Level
MIPT	National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism
MTSA	Maritime Transportation Security Act
NGA	National Governor's Association
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NOMIS	Network of Medicolegal Investigative Systems
NTIA	National Transportation and Information Administration
NW-WARN	Northwest Warning, Alert & Response Network
ODP	Office of Domestic Preparedness (DHS)
OFM	Office of Financial Management (Washington State)
OPS-CAN	Olympic Public Safety Communications Alliance Network
OSC	Operation Safe Commerce
NWJAC	Northwest Joint Analysis Center
RCC	Regional Coordination Council
SAA	State Administering Agent
SDART	Seattle Disaster Aid and Response Teams
SDWG	Strategy Development Working Group (WA Committee on Homeland Security)
SIEC	State Interoperability Executive Committee
TEW	Terrorism Early Warning (Pierce County)
UASI	Urban Area Security Initiative
WAJAC	Washington Joint Analytical Center
WASA	Washington Association of School Administrators
WASFC	Washington Association of Fire Chiefs

WASPC	Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
WCNCS	Washington Commission on National and Community Service
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WSF	Washington State Ferries
WSP	Washington State Patrol

